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under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

First Named Inventor (or application identifier): Christopher K. Williams

Title of Invention: Third-Party Billing System and Method

1. ☒ Specification 50 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 89 claims ( 13 independent)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney is:  
☐ attached in the regular manner.  
☒ NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. ☒ 9 Distinct sheets of ☒ Formal ☐ Informal Drawings
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Form 1449  
☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

8. ☐ Priority document(s).
9. ☒ Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (deferred)
10. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.  
☐ Computer Readable Copy.  
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).  
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.

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12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$690.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	69	18.00	\$1,242.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	10	78.00	\$780.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	yes	260.00	\$260.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$2,972.00
	REDUCE BY (%)   (\$)		
Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	50% REDUCED		\$1,486.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			<b>\$1,486.00</b>
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$0
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$1,486.00</b>

13. PAYMENT is:

- ☐ included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check. A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18.
- ☒ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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